C-482 No. 392 OF 2002

Hon'ble Irshad Hussain, J.

Heard.

This is a petition under section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The application dated 20.03.2002 was moved by the petitioner-accused to produce another witness in defence. The application was rejected by the learned Magistrate and the opportunity to adduce the defence evidence was closed.

I have considered the impugned order. In the interest of justice, the petitioner-accused need to be given opportunity to adduce defence evidence in toto and, therefore the impugned order dated March 20, 2002 is set aside. The petitioner-accused shall adduce his entire defence evidence on 18.01.2003 before the learned Magistrate.

With this, the petition is disposed of finally.

(Irshad Hussain, J.)

15.01.03/B.